

Interview Summary

Application No.
09/720,280

Applicant(s)
Eckel et al.

Examiner
Peter Szekely

Art Unit
1714



All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Peter Szekely (3) _____

(2) James Franks (4) _____

Date of Interview Dec 20, 2002

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: All

Identification of prior art discussed:

Bodiger et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The examiner stated that changing "consisting essentially of" to "consisting" will not make the application allowable, because Bodiger et al. claims improvement of flame resistance with all phosphorus containing flame retardants. The fact that a V-O rating is possible without the finely divided inorganic substance is not proof that adding said substance does not improve flame retardance further. Proof that phosphazane plus finely divided substance plus polymers has better flame retardance than other phosphorus containing flame retardant plus finely divided substance plus polymer, would constitute unexpected results.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

PETER SZEKELY
PRIMARY EXAMINER
ART UNIT 1714

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required